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## **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art fails to disclose or reasonably teach a system for reconstruction a natural torque between a natural knee joint and natural hip area comprising an intamedullary spike, pivotally connectable with the rotational jig at the femur, for insertion into the femur bone canal, wherein the saw jig is threadable on the intramedullary spike and then couplable with the rotational jig, and ehrerin the intramedullar spike forms a pivot axis for the saw jig, about which the saw jig is pivotable in a range of +/- 10 degrees about the horizontal; a drive mechanism which pivots the saw jig about the horizontal and a linb pointing toward the femur and being detachably connectable with a functional unit comprising the saw jig and the rotational jig. Thus the examiner has allowed claims 1-5.

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## Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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